

CLAIM LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The decontamination device of claim 2, wherein said interlocking structure comprises A decontamination device for decontaminating medical apparatus, comprising:~~

a housing;

an absorbent pad carrying a decontaminating compound within said housing; and
interlocking structure for removably engaging said housing to a portion of said medical apparatus, whereby said absorbent pad is placed into contact with said portion of said medical apparatus upon engagement and removed from contact upon disengagement, said interlocking structure comprising at least one elastically deformable, inwardly directed protrusion on said housing.

4. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said housing comprises a flexible portion to facilitate the removable engagement to said medical instrumentation.

5. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, further comprising additional means for attaching said housing to said medical apparatus.

6. (Previously Presented) The decontamination device of claim 5, wherein said additional means is a lanyard.

7. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, further comprising a removable cover for said housing.

8. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein at least two of said housings are detachably engaged.

9. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said housing comprises indicia providing information concerning said decontamination device.

10. (Previously Presented) The decontamination device of claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of color, printed material, bar code, and embossed material.

11. (Original) The decontamination device of claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of the decontaminating compound and the medical apparatus for which the decontamination device is intended.

12. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound comprises a disinfecting compound and a sterilizing compound.

13. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of glutaraldehydes.

14. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of chlorine compounds.

15. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of alcohols.

16. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of iodophors.

17. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of peroxygen compounds.

18. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of phenolics.

19. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said decontaminating compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of quaternary ammonium compounds.

20. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said dispenser contains an indicator compound for indicating that the medical apparatus has been contacted by said decontaminating compound.

21. (Currently Amended) The decontamination device of claim [[1]] 3, wherein said housing is dimensioned to receive the head of a stethoscope.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)